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1. FRENCH PETROLEUM ATTACHE, PROTECT, HAS CALCULATED ALGERIAN OIL PRODUCTION FIGURES FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1975 IN LIGHT OF PIW REPORT THAT ALGERIAN OIL PRODUCTION HAD FALLEN TO 700,000 BARRELS PER DAY IN FEBRUARY, REFTTEL A.

2. BASED ON STATISTICS OF FRENCH OIL COMPANIES DOING BUSINESS IN ALGERIA, ALGERIAN CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION DURING MONTH OF JANUARY WAS ABOUT 850,000 BPD. PRODUCTION IN FEBRUARY WAS marginally GREATER. THESE FIGURES, AS INDICATED IN REFTTEL B, ARE INTERPOLATED FROM DATA ON ABOUT 75 PERCENT OF
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ALGERIAN PRODUCTION.

3. IF ONE ASSUMES A CONTINUED EQUAL RATE OF PRODUCTION FOR ALGERIA FOR ALL OF 1975, THEN ALGERIA'S ANNUAL PRODUCTION FOR THE YEAR WILL BE ABOUT 40 TO 42 MILLION TONS OR DOWN FROM EMBASSY'S ESTIMATE OF 45.5 MILLION TONS REFTEL B.

4. FRENCH PETROLEUM ATTACHE ALSO INFORMED REPORTING OFFICER THAT EXXON IS PHASING OUT OF CRUDE LIFTINGS FROM ALGERIA. ON THE PLUS SIDE, A US COMPANY, ECOL, A SUBSIDIARY OF NORTH EAST PETROLEUM AND INGRAM, IS SAID TO HAVE SIGNED A 1 BILLION DOLLAR FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR ALGERIAN CRUDE TO SUPPLY ITS NEW, 200,000 BPD GARYVILLE, LOUISIANA, REFINERY. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON THIS CONTRACT IF AVAILABLE. LYNE

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